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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. "BERLIN CAN COUNT ON FRANCE"

FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD, CONCLUDING THE FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT OF A FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER TO BERLIN IN THIRTY YEARS, TOLD THE CITY'S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT "BERLIN CAN COUNT UPON FRANCE." GUIRINGAUD FIRMLY REJECTED EAST GERMAN EFFORTS TO DOWNPLAY FOUR POWER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DIVIDED CITY AND SAID AN ACCEPTABLE BERLIN SITUATION WAS A CRITERION FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF DETENTE. GUIRINGAUD'S VISIT IS INTERPRETED BY US MISSION BERLIN AS AN UNEQUIVOCAL STATEMENT OF FRANCE'S INTENT TO MAINTAIN ITS COMMITMENTS IN BERLIN. (CONFIDENTIAL) BERLIN 231, 1/21.)

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2. MANLEY HINTS JAMAICA MAY JOIN COMECON

PRIME MINISTER MANLEY TOLD PARLIAMENT JANUARY 19 THAT JAMAICA WILL SOON "COMPLETE" ITS POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT BY ESTABLISHING FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE USSR. HE SAID FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON HAD BEEN TOLD ON HIS

RECENT VISIT TO CUBA THAT COMECON NATIONS MIGHT PROVIDE JAMAICA WITH THE MARKETS AND IMPORTS IT NEEDED, AND ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS:

--INVITING TWO SENIOR COMECON OFFICIALS NOW IN CUBA TO VISIT JAMAICA; AND

--SENDING A JAMAICAN TRADE DELEGATION TO MOSCOW TO EXPLORE TRADE OPPORTUNITIES.

EMBASSY KINGSTON NOTES THAT MANLEY'S REMARKS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A PRESS REPORT, CONFIRMED BY THE MFA, THAT JAMAICA IS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINING COMECON. (CONFIDENTIAL) KINGSTON 316, 1/20.)

### 3. SUDAN TENSIONS POSE DILEMMA FOR SOVIETS

A SUDANESE DIPLOMAT HAS TOLD EMBASSY MOSCOW THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS GOVERNMENT AND THE USSR HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER A PERIOD OF TENSION FOLLOWING LAST JULY'S COUP ATTEMPT IN THE SUDAN. HE SAID THE SOVIETS WERE NOT AVERSE TO SOME TENSION BETWEEN THE SUDAN AND ITS NEIGHBORS IF THIS WOULD WEAKEN COORDINATION BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE SUDAN AGAINST LIBYA. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE DOUBTED THAT THEY WERE ENCOURAGING THE TROUBLE KHARTOUM WAS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING WITH ETHIOPIA, BECAUSE TENSION IN THIS REGION WOULD COMPLICATE THE DELICATE BALANCING ACT THE SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO PULL OFF BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 944, 1/20.)

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### 4. STANDS SOFTENING ON SINO-SOVIET BORDER DISPUTE?

CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG BELIEVES PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS IN THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER DISPUTE MAY HAVE IMPROVED RECENTLY. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION GATHERED BY JAPANESE DIPLOMATS IN PEKING, THE RUSSIANS HAVE OFFERED PROPOSALS FOR A MUTUAL TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM THE BORDER AREAS AND IMPROVED CROSS-BORDER COMMUNICATIONS. THE CHINESE REPORTEDLY HAVE CEASED REJECTING THESE PROPOSALS OUT OF HAND AND ARE RESPONDING WITH CAREFULLY WORDED REPLIES. THE CONSULATE GENERAL NOTES THAT NO REFLECTION OF A CHANGE IN ATTITUDE IS TO BE FOUND, HOWEVER, IN THE PRC MEDIA OR OFFICIAL STATEMENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) HONG KONG 835, 1/21.)

### 5. SOARES: NO BACKING OFF FROM LOAN

PRIME MINISTER SOARES TOLD AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI JANUARY 21 THAT PORTUGAL DEFINITELY INTENDS TO SIGN THE \$300 MILLION

CONSORTIUM LOAN AGREEMENT ON THE TERMS ALREADY NEGOTIATED,  
BUT MUST GAUGE THE TIMING AND AMOUNT OF A DEVALUATION  
CAREFULLY OR RISK BRINGING DOWN HIS GOVERNMENT. HE SAID  
THE GOP ACCEPTS THE NECESSITY OF THE ECONOMIC REFORMS

DEMANDED BY THE US AND THE IMF, BUT CANNOT AFFORD TO  
APPEAR TO BE MAKING THEM UNDER PRESSURE. HE ASKED THE US  
TO UNDERSTAND HIS DELICATE POLITICAL SITUATION, AND ASKED  
FOR MORE TIME. (SECRET) LISBON 621, 1/21.)  
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